

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the present application.

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) An insulating film comprising:

a carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film which has Si-CH₂ bond in the carbon containing silicon oxide film;

wherein the proportion of Si-CH₂ bond (1360cm⁻¹) to Si-CH₃ bond (1270cm⁻¹) in the insulating film is in a range from 0.03 to 0.05 measured as a peak height ratio of FTIR spectrum.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) An insulating film as set forth in claim 1, wherein the relative dielectric constant of the insulating film is equal to or lower than 3.1.

4. (original) An insulating film as set forth in claim 1, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film is formed by using plasma enhanced CVD process.

5. (original) An insulating film as set forth in claim 1, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film comprises methylsilsesquioxane.

6. (currently amended) A semiconductor device having an interlayer insulating film formed on or over a semiconductor substrate and a metal wiring conductor which is formed by filling a wiring trench formed in the interlayer insulating film with Cu containing metal via a barrier metal, wherein the interlayer insulating film includes the insulating film comprising:

a carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film which has Si-CH₂ bond in the carbon containing silicon oxide film,

wherein the proportion of Si-CH₂ bond (1360cm-1) to Si-CH₃ bond (1270cm-1) in the insulating film is in a range from 0.03 to 0.05 measured as a peak height ratio of FTIR spectrum.

7. (canceled)

8. (original) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the relative dielectric constant of the insulating film is equal to or lower than 3.1.

9. (original) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film is formed by using plasma enhanced CVD process.

10. (original) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film comprises methylsilsesquioxane.

11. (original) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 6, wherein, as a portion of the interlayer insulating film, an SiO₂ film is formed on the upper layer portion of the insulating film.

12. (original) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 6, wherein, as a portion of the interlayer insulating film, an insulating film for preventing metal diffusion is formed on the lower layer portion of the insulating film.

13. (original) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the Cu containing metal contains, in addition to Cu, at least one of Si, Al, Ag, W, Mg, Be, Zn, Pd, Cd, Au, Hg, Pt, Zr, Ti, Sn, Ni and Fe.

14. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device having an interlayer insulating film formed on or over a semiconductor substrate, an opening which is formed in the interlayer insulating film and which reaches a lower layer metal wiring conductor, and a metal plug which is formed by filling the opening with Cu containing metal via a barrier metal, wherein the interlayer insulating film includes the insulating film comprising a carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film which has Si-CH₂ bond in the carbon containing silicon oxide film.

15. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the proportion of Si-CH₂ bond (1360cm⁻¹) to Si-CH₃ bond (1270cm⁻¹) in the insulating film is in a range from 0.03 to 0.05 measured as a peak height ratio of FTIR spectrum.

16. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the relative dielectric constant of the insulating film is equal to or lower than 3.1.

17. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film is formed by using plasma enhanced CVD process.

18. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film comprises methylsilsesquioxane.

19. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14, wherein, as a portion of the interlayer insulating film, an SiO₂ film is formed on the upper layer portion of the insulating film.

20. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14, wherein, as a portion of the interlayer insulating film, an insulating film for preventing metal diffusion is formed on the lower layer portion of the insulating film.

21. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the Cu containing metal contains, in addition to Cu, at least one of Si, Al, Ag, W, Mg, Be, Zn, Pd, Cd, Au, Hg, Pt, Zr, Ti, Sn, Ni and Fe.

22. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device having an interlayer insulating film formed on or over a semiconductor substrate, a wiring trench formed in the interlayer insulating film, an opening which is formed in the interlayer insulating film and which reaches a lower layer metal wiring conductor from the bottom portion of the wiring trench, and a metal wiring conductor and metal plug which are formed by filling the wiring trench and the opening with Cu containing metal via

a barrier metal, wherein the interlayer insulating film includes the insulating film comprising a carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film which has Si-CH₂ bond in the carbon containing silicon oxide film.

23. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 22, wherein the proportion of Si-CH₂ bond (1360cm⁻¹) to Si-CH₃ bond (1270cm⁻¹) in the insulating film is in a range from 0.03 to 0.05 measured as a peak height ratio of FTIR spectrum.

24. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 22, wherein the relative dielectric constant of the insulating film is equal to or lower than 3.1.

25. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 22, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film is formed by using plasma enhanced CVD process.

26. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 22, wherein the carbon containing silicon oxide (SiOCH) film comprises methylsilsesquioxane.

27. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 22, wherein, as a portion of the interlayer insulating film, an SiO₂ film is formed on the upper layer portion of the insulating film.

28. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 22, wherein, as a portion of the interlayer insulating film, an insulating film for preventing metal diffusion is formed on the lower layer portion of the insulating film.

29. (withdrawn) A semiconductor device as set forth in claim 22, wherein the Cu containing metal contains, in addition to Cu, at least one of Si, Al, Ag, W, Mg, Be, Zn, Pd, Cd, Au, Hg, Pt, Zr, Ti, Sn, Ni and Fe.